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WASHINGTON Scrapbook



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WASHINGTON, June 10—On the desk of Louis B. Nichols, the good right arm of J. Edgar Hoover as assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the following sign, which was presented by fellow workers:

NOTICE

WHILE IN THIS OFFICE SPEAK IN A LOW, SOOTHING

TONE

AND

DO NOT DISAGREE WITH ME IN ANY MANNER

Please be informed that when one has reached "my age" NOISE and NON-CONCURRENCE cause gastric hyper-peristalsis, hyper-secretion of the hydrochloric acid, and rubus of the gastric mucosa AND

I BECOME MOST UNPLEASANT!!!!

Sen. Dirksen [R., Ill.] was the only member of a senate judiciary subcommittee present at a hearing when a witness asked permission to place a document in the record. Looking around for his absent brethren, who had quietly departed on missions of their own, Dirksen said:

"Without objection it will be admitted—without objection from myself."

In a commencement address at Minnesota's Hamline university, John Cowles, the editor and publisher, recalled that Samuel Butler, the British writer, was once called upon to speak before a distinguished audience on "How to make the most out of life."

Butler stood up, said: "I don't even know how to make the most out of the next 12 minutes," and sat down.

At the annual ball game between Republican and Democratic members of the house last Tuesday night, Rep. Alger [R., Tex.], former Princeton athletic star, withdrew from the game as a courtesy to Rep. Hyde [R., Md.].

Hyde took two terrific swings at offerings by Rep. Macdonald [D., Mass.], formerly of Harvard. Hyde missed each by a good six inches. He watched the third offering go by and umpire Davis called him out on strikes.

"Didn't you miss one?" Hyde protested to the umpire.

"Maybe I did," the umpire answered, "But not as far as you missed the first two. I'm still one up on you and you're still out."

Chief Justice Warren tossed out the first ball for the game which the Republicans won for the first time after years of losing.

"Ain't I seen you pitch somewhere before?" Sen. Barkley [D., Ky.] asked in a good natured jibe at the 1948 campaign in which Warren was the running mate for Thomas E. Dewey and Barkley was the successful running mate of Harry S. Truman.

"I don't remember your name," Warren laughed, "but I recall you were a sucker for a curve—low and on the outside."

During the five inning contest, which the Republicans won 12 to 4 G. O. P. players stole six bases.

"Any more stealing in the house and we'll have to call for a congressional investigation," Rep. Herlong Jr., [D., Fla.] manager of the Democratic team, chided his players.

Recent congressional hearings show that the army may be overly security conscious. Whenever points of vital military information were reached in questioning by members of the house appropriations committee, the responding officer went "off the record" and the discussion was censored from the transcript.

At one point, Rep. Scrivner [R., Kas.] commented to Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway, army chief of staff:

"We have had some pretty serious talk here. I would like to turn to something a little lighter, and yet while it is lighter, it has so much truth in it it is something that an old soldier can enjoy."

Scrivner said it was sent to him by an old soldier and was entitled "The Old Soldier's Prayer."

The hearing immediately went "off the record."